I trust that the new year has begun well for you and our children.

Teachers and staff have been working very hard to ensure a smooth start to the year. Policies, student/parent handbooks, conduct, bus, library and computer user agreements have been sent out to each student. These first few weeks were very important to set a strong foundation as well as expectations for the challenges that lie ahead.

We will continuously emphasize our school motto, mission statement, values and goals. In doing so, students and teachers realise that our main goal is to aim for “Excellence in Education, Character and Service.” Every student was reminded of the Behaviour Management policy.

I cannot over emphasize the importance of parent involvement.

I believe children have better academic and social outcomes when their parents and teachers work together. I encourage all parents to share information, voice concerns, ask questions, make requests and give constructive criticism.

I hope to Insha’Allah build a close partnership and develop an open and transparent relationship to provide the best opportunities for all students at our college.

Please feel free to make an appointment at any time to discuss any matter regarding your child.

I wish you all a successful year and will communicate to you through our monthly newsletters.

Mariam Banwa
We are now well into term 1 and it is pleasing to see so many of our students making good progress with their learning. The students should be commended on their great work that is being undertaken in our priority learning areas of reading and writing. High expectations continue to be the order of the day for everyone and I appreciate the support from parents as we strive to get the best from our students.

**Absenteeism**

Student achievement is affected by absenteeism. Parents are asked to help maximise student potential by ensuring their children are at school on time each day, ready to learn. Please assist us by providing timely explanation for student absences to the school office.

It is admirable at the beginning of the term to hear of students’ motivation to achieve goals personally and academically and we will support them in every way to achieve those goals.

I would like to thank all the parents and caregivers for their support in the wonderful start of the new term. All the students are following the school uniform policy and finally I would like to emphasise on the importance of school rules to all the students.

Mrs B Kumar
Teacher
**Dates to remember**

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Student of the Month

On the 18th of February, we had our first Student of the Month presentation with Sargente Jim Bellos. For our new parents, Sgt Bellos is our school police officer and he presents our students with their awards each month.

Abdul-Jabbar Kharimu and Layth Muthanna were this month’s recipients of the awards. They have displayed exceptional determination for learning, and are a pleasure to have in the class.
So far in science, year 2 have been learning about the different types of materials we find around and their properties.

Mrs. Kumar had set up a desk with a variety of materials for the children to investigate and report back on.
Students had to measure the time it took for a toy car to slide down a bench and compare it with the time it took to slide down a ramp and on concrete.
Make Today the day to Learn Something New
May Allah forgive me and my parents and the believers male and female, the living from among them and those who have passed away.